

Noble and Davidson Family Papers

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Biographical Note:

Noah Noble was born January 15, 1794 in Berryville, Clarke County, Virginia. He married Catharine Stull Van Swearingen in 1819 and they had three children. He moved to Indianapolis in 1825 where he worked as a lawyer, farmer, and merchant. He also operated a fulling mill, ran the Brookville hotel, served as director of the Brookville branch of the State Bank of Indiana and was an agent for the Hartford Fire Insurance Company. He served as Franklin County sheriff 1820-1824. He was Governor of Indiana 1831-1837 and ran unsuccessfully for U.S. Senate in 1836 and 1838. He died February 8, 1844 in Indianapolis.

Alexander H. Davidson was an Indianapolis schoolteacher and businessman; he was also a member of the executive committee of the Indiana Constitutional Union Party in 1860. He was married to Catherine Noble.

Source:

Rebecca A. Shepherd ... [et al.], eds. A Biographical directory of the Indiana General Assembly v. 1. Indianapolis: Select Committee on the Centennial History of the Indiana.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection includes receipts and financial papers of Noah Noble, correspondence of Catherine Noble Davidson and Alexander H. Davidson, an autograph album of Catherine Noble Davidson and autograph books signed by the members of the U.S. House of Representatives. Also, included are Noble family land and legal documents from Virginia and Kentucky and newspaper clippings on politics and the Civil War. Correspondents include John J. Crittenden, William Henry Harrison, John James Hayden, Michael C. Kerr, Robert Dale Owen, Caleb B. Smith, Oliver H. Smith and Richard W. Thompson.

Box and Folder Listing:

1 Box.

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1. Correspondence 1785-1839
 2. Correspondence 1840-1854
 3. Correspondence 1855-1860
 4. Correspondence 1860-1864
 5. Autograph Album 1836-1851
 6. Autograph books 1857-1858
 7. Newsclippings 1835-1866
 8. Newsclippings 1866-1868
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